

**29A.7 Commander in chief.**

1. The governor is the commander in chief of the military forces, except when they are on federal active duty. The governor may employ the military forces of the state for the defense of the state, to provide assistance to civil authorities in emergencies resulting from disasters or public disorders as defined in [section 29C.2](#), including homeland security and defense duties, and for parades and ceremonies of a civic nature.

2. The governor shall provide for the participation of the national guard in training at the times and places as necessary to ensure readiness for public defense or federal active duty.

3. If circumstances necessitate the establishment of a military district under martial law and the general assembly is not convened, the district shall be established only after the governor has issued a proclamation convening an extraordinary session of the general assembly.

[C51, §623; R60, §1004; C73, §1051; C97, §2169, 2170; S13, §2215-f19; C24, 27, 31, §449; C35, §467-f26, -f28; C39, §**467.26**, **467.28**; C46, 50, §29.26, 29.28; C54, 58, 62, §29.7; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §29A.7]

[2001 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1, §9, 28; 2002 Acts, ch 1117, §4, 23; 2012 Acts, ch 1072, §10](#)

See Iowa Constitution, Art. IV, §7